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RECORDS OF GOLDEN WEST TELEPHONE COMPANY, WALL, SOUTH DAKOTA 1961-1988

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HISTORY

On November 14, 1952, the Cooperative received its charter of incorporation from the state of South Dakota. The directors named the new telephone cooperative, Golden West Telephone Cooperative, Inc., which paid tribute to the original Golden West Telephone Company, started nearly 40 years earlier.

The A section of Golden West's first loan, a loan in the amount of \$746,000, was completed in July of 1956, bringing modern dial telephone service to some 633 subscribers. As time went by, the Cooperative extended its service area into eleven central and western South Dakota counties. Existing telephone companies and switch lines were purchased. Additional equipment and new lines were installed to bring modern telephone service to farms, ranches and small towns.

The Cooperative placed its first underground communications cable in 1961 when it served the Titan Missile Site near Wicksville. However, the first major installation was made in 1964 when over 200 miles of underground air pressurized cable was placed into service for the Minuteman Missile defense system. The Cooperative continued to upgrade its exchanges from 8-party lines to 4- or 5-party lines and eventually to private lines.

In 1975, the Cooperative entered into negotiations with Northwestern Bell Telephone for the purchase of Bell System properties. The negotiations culminated with the 1976 purchase of the Midland, Philip, Martin, White River, Milesville and Hayes exchanges, along with the independently-owned Wood Mutual Telephone Company. These acquisitions more than doubled the size of the company from 2,400 to 5,100 customers.

In 1978, the Cooperative entered into a stock-purchase arrangement for the People's Telephone and Telegraph Company of Hot Springs. The Company officially merged with Golden West after the final stock payment on Jan 2, 1982, bringing the Co-op's customer base to nearly 9,300 and increasing the number of employees from 47 to 68. The number of subscribers served by Golden West Telephone increased to nearly 10,000 with the Dec. 28, 1981 purchase of the Pine Ridge telephone exchange from Bison State Telephone Company of Custer. Former customers of the Extension Telephone Company of White Clay, Nebraska were acquired at approximately the same time and were subsequently served with their own prefix out of the Pine Ridge switchboard.

April 1, 1981 also saw the Cooperative expand its communications' role with the receipt of its first cable television cross-ownership waiver from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This, along with subsequent FCC waivers, eventually gave Golden West permission to own and operate 14 cable systems serving nearly 3,000 customers. In recognition of Golden West's involvement in the cable television field, cooperative members attending the September 1982 annual meeting approved changing the name of the cooperative from Golden West Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

Excerpts from corporate history: <http://www.goldenwest.com/corporate/history.php>

SCOPE AND CONTENT

RECORDS OF GOLDEN WEST TELEPHONE COMPANY, WALL, SOUTH DAKOTA (bulk dates: 1961-1966)

<i>CATALOG NUMBER</i>	MIMI 2459
<i>VOLUME</i>	3 LF
<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	Maps, contracts, correspondence, and other papers, relating to the construction of the Hardened Intersite Cabling System for the sites in the 66th Missile Squadron around Wall, South Dakota. Information included on earlier Titan site, part of the 850th Missile Squadron, located at Wicksville, South Dakota.
<i>ORGANIZATION</i>	Arranged into three series; Series I, Titan Site Records; Series II, Minuteman Site Records; Series III, Missile Cable Crossing Permits.
<i>PROVENANCE</i>	Collection was created and maintained by the Golden West Telephone Company to document the construction Hardened Intersite Cabling System for the site around Wall, South Dakota. Information included on earlier Titan site located at Wicksville, South Dakota.
<i>RESTRICTIONS</i>	NO
<i>ASSOCIATED MATERIALS</i>	

HIERARCHY

- I. SERIES I: TITAN SITE RECORDS (1961 - 1965)
- II. SERIES II: MINUTEMAN SITE RECORDS (1961-1966)
- III. SERIES III: MISSILE CABLE CROSSING PERMITS (1988)

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I. SERIES I: TITAN SITE RECORDS (1961 - 1965)

Arranged chronologically

Maps, contracts, correspondence, and other papers, relating to the construction of Hardened Intersite Cabling System in the 66th Missile Squadron, Ellsworth AFB.

II. SERIES II: MINUTEMAN SITE RECORDS (1961-1966)

Arranged chronologically.

Maps, contracts, correspondence, and other papers, relating to the construction of Hardened Intersite Cabling System in the 66th Missile Squadron, Ellsworth AFB.

III. SERIES III: MISSILE CABLE CROSSING PERMITS (1988)

Arranged chronologically.

Maps, correspondence, and other papers, relating to crossing the Hardened Intersite Cabling System in the 66th Missile Squadron, Ellsworth AFB.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1: Titan Site (Wicksville) EAFB

Folder 1: REA From #511 with NWB Telco

Folder 2: Billing for Titan Missile Ellsworth

Folder 3: Titan Site - Primary Alerting Systems - Commercial Billings

Folder 4: Titan System 1A - Update

Folder 5: Titan Site - Primary Alerting Systems - Commercial Billings

Folder 6: Billing for Titan Missile

Folder 7: Titan Site - Primary Alerting Systems - Commercial Billings

Folder 8: General Correspondence

Box 2

Folder 1: SD 508C – Final Documents, Owner's Copy

Folder 2: GWTC Documents – Final – Section, 508-C Contract #9x, Outside Plant

Folder 3: GWTC Documents – Final – Section, 508-C Contract #9x, Outside Plant

Folder 4: Telephone System Construction Contract (Labor and Materials)

Folder 5: GWTC Contract – 508 – Telpack, Kainz Contractors, Minuteman System (Enning-Wick.)

Folder 6: 5390 Minuteman Missile Final Documents, Squadron no. 1 & 2, T. H. Vicars Company, Inc., Proposal

Folder 7: 5390 Minuteman Missile Final Documents, Squadron no. 1 & 2, T. H. Vicars Company, Inc., REA Copy – Squadron #2

Folder 8: 5390 Minuteman Missile Final Documents, Squadron no. 1 & 2, T. H. Vicars Company, Inc., REA Copy – Squadron #1

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Folder 9: 5390 Minuteman Missile Final Documents, Squadron no. 1 & 2, T. H. Vicars Company, Inc.

Folder 10: 5390 Minuteman Missile Final Documents, Squadron no. 1 & 2, T. H. Vicars Company, Inc., Minuteman Missile – Communications, Phase I (T. H. Vicars Company) Golden West Cooperative, Inc.

Folder 11: 5390 Minuteman Missile Communications GWTC Phase I

Folder 12: 5390 Minuteman Missile Communications GWTC Phase II

Folder 13: GWTC Telpack – union Center, Phase II – Sqdn II, Monthly Billings

Folder 14: GWTC 1350 Contract – Telpak Addition, Greybar Electric Ct. #21, Enning Exchange

Folder 15: GWTC 5390 Minuteman Missile CSA's Phase I – II – III

Folder 16: Minuteman Missile, Quotation of Charges – Phase III

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Folder 17: 5390 Minuteman Missile – PABX, Wall – Union Center

Folder 18: 5390 Minuteman Missile Communications, Phase III CSA's Decco EOP

Folder 19: GWTC Minuteman Underground Cable System

Folder 20: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, Copy of Contract and Specifications

Folder 21: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, Copy of Contract and Specifications
Folder 22: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, Copy of Contract and Specifications
Folder 23: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, Engineering, Flahart, Ditman, Hengel
Folder 24: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, Anaconda Cable Supplier

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Folder 25: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, Graybar, Final Documents
Folder 26: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, Reimbursement of General Fund Schedule
Folder 27: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, REA Correspondence
Folder 28: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, Staking Sheets and Carrier Measurements
Folder 29: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, Graybar, Carrier Specifications
Folder 30: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, Graybar, Correspondence
Folder 31: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, Helmerich & Payne, Contractors
Folder 32: 508-F Buried Pressurized Cable, Government Billing and CSA's

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Folder 33: 508-F Wall to Quinn-Buried Pressurized Cable, NWB Contractor
Folder 34: 2430 Ellsworth Missile Complex Permanent Facilities
Folder 35: 508-F South Dakota 508, Additions to Ellsworth Minuteman Missile Complex
Folder 36: Minuteman Interface Control Working Group Members and Interface Control
Drawing Approval Signatures
Folder 37: How to Read a EDP CSA
Folder 38: Missile Cable Crossing Permits; Fiber Optic Route-Maurine-Wicks.